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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Mr. David Waddell, Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Re: Docket 99-00784 Request to all affected Telecommunications
Service Providers and Cooperatives in Tennessee to take
Voluntary Area Code Conservation Measures

On October 12, 1999 the Tennessee Regulatory Authority urged all Tennessee Telecommunication Service Providers to take voluntary measures towards Area Code Conservation, including, but not limited to voluntarily relinquishing any non-utilized or otherwise dormant inventory of NXX codes.

At the request of the Authority, BellSouth has undertaken a review of NXX code assignments in the 615 and 901 Area Codes in Tennessee. That review has identified 18 NXX codes currently reserved as test codes that we believe could be released by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) for assignment. We are in the process of requesting NANPA that these codes be released for re-assignment. In addition, we have identified an additional 56 NXX codes which are not currently being used for various reasons unrelated to BellSouth. We will also request that NANPA verify that these additional 56 NXX codes are not being used and for NANPA to take steps to make them available for use by the Industry.

While these conservation measures will not appreciably alter the need for 615 code relief, BellSouth recognizes that it is important that we fully utilize the NXX numbering resource. BellSouth fully supports this conservation initiative and will work with the Authority to meet this goal.

Yours truly,

Charlie Howorth

cc: Chairman Melvin Malone
Director Sara Kyle
Director Lynn Greer

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